

Friday, September 20, 1996

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House Filed Conference Report on H.R. 3666, VA/HUD Appropriations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11061–S11124*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2097–2103, and S.J. Res. 62. **Page S11090**

#### Measures Passed:

*Health Centers Consolidation Act:* Senate passed S. 1044, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize provisions relating to health centers, after agreeing to committee amendments and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S11110–21**

Lott (for Kassebaum) Amendment No. 5397, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11114–16**

*Federal Law Enforcement Survivor Assistance:* Senate passed S. 2101, to provide educational assistance to the dependents of Federal law enforcement officials who are killed or disabled in the performance of their duties. **Pages S11122–23**

**Maritime Security Act:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1350, to amend the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to revitalize the United States-flag merchant marine, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11061–64, S11069–81**

Pending:

Grassley Amendment No. 5393, to clarify the term fair and reasonable compensation with respect to the transportation of a motor vehicle by a certain vessel. **Pages S11072–81**

Grassley Amendment No. 5394, to prohibit the use of funds received as a payment or subsidy for lobbying or public education, and for making political contributions for the purpose of influencing an election. **Pages S11072–81**

Grassley Amendment No. 5395, to provide that United States-flag vessels be called up before foreign flag vessels during any national emergency and to prohibit the delivery of military supplies to a com-

bat zone by vessels that are not United States-flag vessels. **Pages S11073–81**

Inouye (for Harkin) Amendment No. 5396 (to Amendment No. 5393), to provide for payment by the Secretary of Transportation of certain ocean freight charges for Federal food or export assistance. **Pages S11074–81**

#### Rejected:

Grassley Amendment No. 5391, to provide for a uniform system of incentive pay for certain hazardous duties performed by merchant seamen. (By 77 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 296), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S11061–64**

A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 4:30 p.m., with votes to occur on the proposed amendments and final disposition of the bill beginning at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, September 24, 1996. **Page S11124**

**Parole Commission Extension:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1507, to provide for the extension of the Parole Commission to oversee cases of prisoners sentenced under prior law, and to reduce the size of the Parole Commission, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11123–24**

**International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995 (Treaty Doc. No. 104–27). **Page S11124**

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–171). **Pages S11088–89**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Richard J. Tarplin, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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Messages From the President: Pages S11088–89

Messages From the House: Page S11089

Measures Placed on Calendar: Page S11124

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Communications: Pages S11089–90

Statements on Introduced Bills: Pages S11090–94

Additional Cosponsors: Page S11094

Amendments Submitted: Pages S11094–S11101

#### Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—296)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 4:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 24, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11124.)

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 4128–4130 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1031, a private bill, amended (H. Rept. 104–810);

H.R. 1087, a private bill, amended (H. Rept. 104–811);

Conference report on H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–812);

H.R. 4025, a private bill (H. Rept. 104–813);

H.R. 4083, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 1997, (H. Rept. 104–814); and

H.R. 3217, to provide for ballast water management to prevent the introduction and spread of non-indigenous species into the waters of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 104–815 Part I).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Miller of Florida to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H10757.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

### Committee Meetings

#### DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Drug Free Workplace: White House Standards. Testimony was heard from Franklin S. Reeder, Director, Administration, The White House; Peter Nelson, Deputy Director, Personnel Security, Department of Defense; Jane Vezeris, Deputy Assistant Director, Administration, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; and Thomas J. Coyle, Assistant Director, Personnel Division, FBI, Department of Justice.

#### IN THE MATTER OF REPRESENTATIVE NEWT GINGRICH

*Committee on Standards of Official Conduct:* On September 19, the Committee met in executive session to consider a complaint filed against Representative Gingrich by Representative Miller of California. The Committee dismissed the complaint and sent a letter to Representative Gingrich.

The Committee also voted to authorize the Chairman to make a statement on its behalf that the Committee intends to proceed in accordance with its rules and respect the responsibility of the Investigation Subcommittee to complete its work and report to the Committee, at which time the report will be made public in accordance with House rules.